GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING AUTHORITY
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot of complaints are being received against National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) forirregularities ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) whether NPPA has started granting dual prices for the formulation based on the merits or the indigenously procured raw materials; and

(d) if so, the names of the formulation where dual prices were notified ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Department has received complaints against NPPA on various issues, from time to time. On that basis NPPA has been directed to take appropriate action wherever necessary.

(c) The practice of dual pricing was started to encourage the production of bulk drugs in the country from basic stage of fermentation by considering higher prices notified for basic stage production of bulk drugs for captive user/formuiator.However, this dual pricing is not existing at present.

(d) In the past, the dual prices were notified in the case of formulations namely Erythromycin Estolate, Prednisolone,Oxytetracycline and Griseofulvin.